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OF THE

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

General Baptist Convention

OF

CALIFORNIA,

HELD WITH

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FRESNO, MAY 9, 10, AND 11, 1888.

TOGETHER WITH

ANNUAL SESSIONS

OF

Ministers' and Laymen's Conference,

Baptist Historical Society

AND

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society,

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH CONVENTION.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President—Rev. Bunyan Spencer, San Francisco.
First Vice-President—Prof. Melville Dozier, Los Angeles.
Second Vice-President—Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.
Secretary—H. S. Smith, Oakland.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., San Francisco.
Treasurer—W. R. Strong, Sacramento.
Auditor—P. D. Code, San Francisco.
Directors, 1889—Charles Button, J. H. Garnett, P. W. Dorsey, J. B. Hartwell, J. C. Jordan, W. T. Fleenor, E. R. Stockwell, James Balsden, M. Starr.
Directors, 1890—G. S. Abbott, W. M. Kincaid, S. B. Morse, E. H. Gray, A. J. Frost, P. D. Code, H. E. McCune, Robert Crane, C. E. Harris.
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Secretary—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Oakland.

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Secretary—Rev. J. C. Webb, Healdsburg.

CALIFORNIA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

President—Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., Oakland.
Secretary—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., San Francisco.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President—Mrs. L. P. Huntsman, 1264 Eleventh Ave., East Oakland.
Secretary—Mrs. E. C. Spencer, 1125 Ellis St., San Francisco.
Treasurer—Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., San Francisco.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. Delegates annually chosen by regular Baptist Churches, Associations and Auxiliary Societies, in the State of California, shall constitute this organization, to be known as the *General Baptist Convention of California.*

ART. II. The object of this Convention shall be: first, to promote the preaching of the gospel, and the establishment of Baptist churches in California; second, to develop and foster Sunday school work; third, to enlist Baptist churches and Sunday schools alike in Home Mission, Foreign Mission and Publication Society work; fourth, to encourage the common educational interests of the Baptist denomination in the State; fifth, to promote denominational acquaintance, fellowship and growth.

ART. III. This Convention shall meet annually on Wednesday evening, after the first Sunday in April, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than ten members of the Board, to alter the time or place of the annual meeting.

ART. IV. Any contributing Baptist church to the treasury of this Convention may send three delegates; having one hundred members or over, five delegates. These numbers, in each instance, shall include the pastor or acting pastor. No church shall exceed this last number.

ART. V. Any person contributing twenty-five dollars ($25) to the treasury of this Convention shall be a life member, with full freedom to all its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted; and any person contributing one hundred dollars ($100) shall be an Honorary Life Director of the Board of Managers, with full freedom to its deliberations, the right to vote only excepted.

ART. VI. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer and an Auditor. There shall likewise be twenty-seven Directors, one-third of whom, after the first election, shall be elected annually. These officers and directors shall constitute the Board of Managers, of which the President shall be *ex officio* the Chairman, and the Recording Secretary the Clerk. All elections shall be by ballot. At the first election of Directors they shall be chosen in classes, the term of the first to expire at the term of the annual meeting—May, 1882; the second, May, 1883; the third, May, 1884. One-third of the Directors shall be laymen. Nine of the Board of Managers shall be a quorum. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies, and to hold office until the next annual election.

ART. VII. The Board shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from its number an Executive Committee of seven, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries, and appropriate all money. One of its

number shall represent the northern, and one the southern part of the State. Five shall be elected with reference to facility for business. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex-officio* of the Executive Committee. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee and act thereon; a duplicate of which, in writing, shall be presented to the annual meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ART. VIII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State, of three members each, upon Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday School and Educational Work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ART. IX. Local Baptist Associations of the State are urged to become auxiliaries to the General Convention, each by the appointment of a Missionary Committee, to co-operate with the Executive Committee of the Convention in State work. Associations so co-operating may appoint three delegates to the Convention. Recommendation by these Associations of any man to represent their field shall be duly considered in the annual election of the Board of Managers.

ART. X. Any Baptist organization in California, honored by the Convention in their religious and educational work, may hold organic relation to it by the appointment of one delegate for every such organization, and provision shall be made for the consideration of the claims of such organizations at the annual meeting.

ART. XI. This Convention will co operate with all our national Baptist Societies.

ART. XII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board, and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:

First—On important subjects of the report.

Second—On the nomination of Directors.

Third—On place and appointment for next session.

Fourth—On obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decisions of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and of Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports, of not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the special committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday Schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention —provided that if before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday School, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

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OF

THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

CALIFORNIA.

Held with the First Baptist Church in Fresno,

MAY 9, 10 AND 11, 1888.

FIRST DAY.

The Convention assembled at 7:30 P. M. with the First Baptist Church of Fresno.

The President, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, being absent, Hon. H. E. McCune called the Convention to order.

The Secretary, Rev. J. C. Jordan, being absent, Rev. T. H. Stephens was appointed Secretary *pro tem.* After singing and prayer, the Chairman appointed the following committees:

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—W. P. Haber, J. E. Hopper, C. N. Whitmore.

ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Rev. J. B. Banker, Rev. G. S. Abbott.

ON ENROLLMENT.—Rev. J. H. Reider, Rev. C. S. Taylor.

After singing and the reading of Scriptures, and prayer by Dr. Abbott, the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., of Sacramento, from Heb. x: 23.

The annual collection for State work was taken.

The Committee on Enrollment reported partially through its Chairman, Rev. J. H. Reider.

On motion, the partial report of the Enrollment Committee was received and committee continued.

Committee on Nominations reported for President, Rev. Bunyan Spencer, of San Francisco; First Vice-President, Professor Melville Dozier, of Los Angeles; Second Vice-President, Hon. H. E. McCune, of Dixon; Secretary, H. S. Smith, of Fresno; Treasurer, W. R. Strong, of Sacramento; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, of San Francisco; Auditor, P. D. Code, of San Francisco.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Alameda—Rev. Wm. C. Spencer and wife, Rev. W. H. Latourette.
Chico—Rev. W. A. Clark.
Ceres—Rev. I. D. Wood, C. N. Whitmore, H. Wallace.
Dixon—Rev. E. C. Dargan, Hon. H. E. McCune, Geo. M. Coulter, Mrs. S. Silva.
Fresno—Rev. J. C. Jordan, W. P. Haber, H. C. Warner, H. G. Treat, Mrs. J. S. Eastwood.
Good Hope—J. T. Walton, T. Harkness.
Healdsburg—Rev. J. C. Webb.
Kingsburg—Rev. J. D. Fleming and wife.
Lemoore—Rev. Eli Rees, Mrs. Dr. L. N. Lovelace, Mrs. J. Jacobs.
Los Angeles (East)—Rev. W. W. Tinker and wife, Rev. C. W. Gregory.
Los Angeles, Central—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., J. F. Norris.
Monrovia—W. C. Badeau, Rev. J. H. Reider and wife.
Maxwell—Rev. C. S. Taylor.
Napa—J. C. Gore.
Oakland, First Church—Rev. J. M. C. Breaker, D. D., Rev. G. S. Abbott, H. S. Smith, Mrs. H. Garthwaite, Mrs. J. R. Bradway.
Oakland, San Pablo—Rev. Jno. Downie.
Oakland, Tenth Avenue—Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., Rev. O. C. Wheeler, H. Huntsman and wife.
Petaluma—Rev. J. E. Trotter, Mrs. C. F. Davis.
Pasadena—Rev. C. E. Harris.
Penryn—Rev. L. M. Protzman, Chester A. Wood.
Pomona—Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., J. F. Moody.
San Francisco, First Church—G. A. Hull, B. C. Wright and wife, Wm. P. Todd.

San Francisco, Fifth Church—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis.

San Francisco, Hamilton Square—Rev. Bunyan Spencer, David Sawtelle, J. R. Bennett and wife.

San Francisco, Chinese—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., Kwok Chee.

Sacramento, First Church—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., and wife, Rev. J. N. Burroughs and wife, Jno. Kidder.

Sacramento, Calvary—Rev. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong.

San Jose—Rev. A. W. Runyan and wife, Mrs. Mary E. Freeman, Charles McClain.

St. Helena—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mrs. S. C. Lillis.

Stockton—Rev. F. S. Lawrence, E. R. Stockwell, T. K. Hook, Mrs. C. R. Ralph.

Salinas—Rev. E. B. Hatch.

Santa Rosa—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Rev. T. P. Childs, Robert Crane, Mrs. J. C. Cooper.

Selma—Rev. H. E. Adams and wife, Edwin Dudley, W. Jolly.

Santa Paula and Ventura—Rev. Jas. Coutts.

Santa Ana—Rev. J. B. Banker, A. S. Dunham.

Tulare—Rev. A. W. Webb and wife, Mrs. A. Egli, Mrs. T. W. Kyle.

Vacaville—J. L. Lyon.

Woodland—J. G. Wright, F. S. Knauer.

Wheatland—Rev. T. H. Stephens and wife.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, May 10, 1888.

Devotional exercises at 9:30 A. M., led by Rev. J. B. Banker.

Convention met at 10 o'clock, President Spencer in the chair.

The following committees appointed by Chair:

On Important Subjects in Board of Managers' Report—Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. J. B. Banker, Wm. P. Todd.

On Nomination of Convention Directors for 1891—Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., J. L. Lyon, W. C. Badeau.

On Place and Appointment for Next Meeting—Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., W. A. Clark, H. Huntsman.

On Obituaries—B. C. Wright, Revs. J. E. Trotter, E. B. Hatch, J. F. Moody.

On New Churches—Revs. G. S Bailey, D. D., A. C. Herrick, Hon. H. E. McCune.

The Treasurer's Report was read, received and referred to the Auditing Committee.

TREASURER S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 9, 1888.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1887—May	9, A. B. H. Mission Society's chapel building	$28 20
"	9, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	500 00
"	9, A. B. H. Mission Society, per Rev. Parker	54 77
"	14, Geo. Spaulding & Co., printing Minutes of 1885	54 45
July	5, A. B. H. Mission Society for salary C. C. Bateman	100 00
"	5, Error in credit to Los Angeles Church for interest of Rev. Parker, as reported previous to last annual statement	5 23
"	5, J. B. Hartwell, Secretary expenses	17 50
Sept.	23, A. B. H. Mission Society	76 55
"	23, A. B. H. Mission Society	98 67
Oct.	8, J. B. Hartwell, for printing Minutes of 1886-87	138 66
"	25, Paid C. C. Bateman, per order	100 00
Nov.	5, Paid J. B. Hartwell, expenses in circulating Minutes	10 75
Dec.	5, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	162 00
1888—Jan.	7, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	53 80
"	23, Paid Rev. J. E. Trotter, per order of Board	50 00
Feb.	3, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York for Missions	173 00
"	3, A. B. H. Mission Society, for chapel building	9 25
M'ch	19, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	304 40
April	6, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	169 33
"	9, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	435 75
"	17, A. B. H. Mission Society, draft on New York	247 75
"	17, A. B. H. Mission Society, for City of Mexico	6 00
May	8, Paid A. B. H. Mission Society	792 81
"	8, Legacy of Mrs. Francis paid A. B. H. Mission Society	200 00
"	9, On hand	645 76
	Total	$4,434 63

RECEIPTS.

1887—May	6, By balance	$676 42
"	6, St. Helena Baptist Church	28 15
"	30, Calvary Baptist Church	5 00
June	14, Woman's Home Mission	20 00

July	5, Sacramento River Association, per B	$100 00
"	10, Woman's Home Mission, Chico Church	2 50
"	18, First Sacramento, per Latourette	20 00
"	27, W. B. Thompson, for Minutes	33 95
Aug.	24, Garfield Church, Tulare Association	6 17
Sept.	22, Monrovia Church	76 55
"	22, Compton Church	45 00
Oct.	5, Santa Clara Church	3 00
"	5, Stockton Baptist Church	70 20
"	5, Hamilton Square, San Francisco	16 50
"	5, Woman's Home Mission (Mrs. Davis)	75 50
"	5, Penryn Church	24 00
"	5, One-third of collection, Central Association	2 42
Nov.	19, Cornell Church, Vallejo	7 00
Dec.	3, First Church, Pasadena	134 75
"	26, Downey Church	36 80
"	31, Vallejo Sunday-school and Church	11 00
1888--Jan.	2, Lompoc Baptist Church	6 00
"	13, Eureka Baptist Church	10 00
"	16, Fresno Church, Tulare	10 00
"	16, Pacific Association	3 60
"	16, St. Helena, per Latourette	10 00
"	16, J. A. Ressigue, Alameda	10 00
"	16, Petaluma, Alameda	4 00
"	16, F. Griffin, Alameda	1 00
"	21, Woodland	14 15
"	21, Alameda	5 00
"	21, Nevada City	2 45
"	21, Petaluma	6 00
"	21, Miss M. E. Putman	50
"	21, Lodi, per W. A. Knight	2 45
"	21, Los Gatos chapel building	9 25
"	21, Vallejo, collection at Benicia	2 00
"	26, Woman's Home Mission Society, per Mrs. L	68 85
"	30, Los Gatos, per Latourette	20 00
"	30, Los Gatos, per Hobart	10 00
Feb.	—, Los Gatos, per W. D. Ewer	43 00
"	—, James Balsden	5 00
"	—, Calvary (Sacramento), Mrs. Hewer	1 40
"	18, Dixon	53 95
"	18, Woodland	3 50
M'ch	1, Swedish Church of Oakland	10 00
"	9, Pasadena Baptist Church	76 00
"	9, Santa Clara	10 70
"	14, San Francisco First Baptist Church	130 00
"	14, Miss N. Parkhurst, Lafayette	5 00

M'ch 14,	Rev. J. B. Knight	$1 00
" 19,	Dixon Baptist Church	7 85
" 24,	Woman's Home Mission	35 00
" 26,	San Francisco First Church	35 00
" 26,	St. Helena Baptist Church	10 38
" 27,	Gonzales Baptist Church	7 50
April 2,	A. E. Gish, per Latourette	8 25
" 2,	Red Bluff, per A. E. Duncan	31 00
" 6,	Willows Baptist Church	20 00
" 6,	Salinas Church	22 20
" 6,	First Sacramento Church	54 40
" 7,	Woman's Home Mission	55 70
" 7,	John Stegeman	2 50
" 7,	Dixon Baptist Church	70 00
" 9,	Central Church, Los Angeles	150 00
" 9,	Monrovia	86 75
" 9,	Calvary, Sacramento	16 40
" 10,	Wheatland	32 25
" 13,	Ladies First Oakland, for City of Mexico	6 00
" 13,	Clear Lake Association	192 00
" 16,	Calvary Baptist Church, Sacramento	23 50
" 19,	Willows Baptist Church	12 40
" 22,	Petaluma	22 00
" 22,	Oakland First Baptist Church	57 23
" 23,	San Buenaventura Church	7 50
" 26,	Alameda, $50 for life membership of Rev. W. H. Latourette	76 75
" 26,	Napa	24 75
" 28,	Woman's Home Mission	41 00
" 28,	Riverside Baptist Church	95 00
May 1,	Chico Baptist Church	6 80
" 3,	San Diego Baptist Church	80 00
" 3,	Oakland First Baptist Church	45 00
" 3,	Orange Baptist Church	71 65
" 3,	Woman's Home Mission Society	65 15
" 7,	Tenth Avenue Oakland Church	50 50
" 7,	Clear Lake Association	20 00
" 8,	Calvary Baptist Church, Sacramento	53 75
" 8,	Woman's Home Mission	24 00
" 8,	Santa Rosa Church	30 00
" 9,	Petaluma	2 60
" 9,	Rev. S. C. Ketch, St. Helena	10 00
" 9,	Fresno Baptist Church	47 00
" 9,	Dixon Baptist Church	5 00
" 9,	Fifth San Francisco Church	50 00
" 9,	San Pablo Avenue, Oakland	10 75

May	9, Woman's Home Mission, San Pablo	$4 25
"	9, Ceres Baptist Church	7 50
"	9, San Jose First Baptist Church	119 00
"	9, Woman's Home Mission	64 00
"	9, Legacy of Mrs. Francis	200 00
"	9, Los Angeles First Baptist Church	300 00
"	9, Collection at Convention	13 66
"	9, Orange Baptist Church	11 00
"	9, Bro. Maryan	10 00
	Total	$4,434 63

W. R. STRONG, Treasurer.

Fresno, May 10, 1888.

After report of Treasurer, the reports of the committees on Publication Society and Sunday Schools were submitted:

REPORT ON AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Your committee appointed to prepare a report on the work of the American Baptist Publication Society desire to present the following:

This Society has a history of which the American Baptists may well feel proud. It extends back over a period of sixty-four years. In those early days the Society was an experiment, but long since it has passed that point. While the population of this country is doubling about every thirty years, and our own beloved denomination doubling every twenty years, the Society is increasing its publications twelve-fold. It is shedding, for the healing of the nations of the earth, more than seven hundred and fifty millions of pages annually.

We have in this country of ours more than eight millions—almost one-eighth of our entire population—without the Word of God. If we do not lift these millions up, by presenting to them an uplifting, uplifted Redeemer, they will drag us down.

When our civil war closed the negroes numbered four million, and the census of last year tells us that they now number eight million. Instead of four negroes for every sixty-six whites, we have eight.

Then add to this number the tens of thousands of foreigners who are being dumped upon our shores every year—many of them the very stench and garbage of Europe—coming to us as they do with their Anarchism, Dynamitism, Confusianism, Mohometanism, Paganism, Romanism, Mormonism and all other Devilisms with which the world is cursed. In the language of Dr. Landrum, in speaking of the negro, " It is no more a negro problem, it is a white problem." It is one that startles us when we look upon it in all its relations. Legislation cannot meet and check the poison that is being introduced into the capillaries, veins and arteries of our religious and national system. Our common schools—the pride of America—backed by our great nation, cannot meet the difficulty.

We are shut up to one remedy, and one only. The religion of our Holy Bible can alone meet and preserve to us our God-given liberties. Its great truths disseminated, interpreted in the simplicity and naturalness of apostolic teaching, will form character and develop manhood, for it is the grand mould in which the strongest, purest and divinest character is cast. It alone can meet the wiles of Rome in her attempts to destroy the faith of the colored people of the South.

Never, perhaps, in the history of that people has there been such an awakening upon the part of the freedmen to the dangers of Romanism as during the past year.

To the Baptist denomination, and to it more than to any other people, has God committed the evangelizing of the freedmen of the South. What we have done for them in the past is humiliatingly meagre in comparison with what needs to be done, and with what we are capable of doing. And here we are confronted with the ever-recurring question which demands the attention of this body, "What is the measure of our obligation, and the best means of discharging it?" What are the most effectual means we may employ for reaching the masses of our State? How can we best bring them to Jesus, and enlist their sympathies and activities on the side of a pure Christianity?

The Scriptures and the ministry are divine ordinations. The page and the preacher are the two mightiest human agencies for propagating the gospel; print the one plentifully, and push forward the other.

Through the printed volume, paper or tract, multitudes can be reached who do not hear the preacher; they precede him in his blessed message, and prepare the way; and, with greater or less effectiveness, follow with silent but mighty pleadings the utterances of the pulpit. The people will read something; and if we fail to supply them with sound, religious literature the watchful advocates of error will use the press to scatter broadcast their soul-destroying tenets, and thus, to a great extent, forestall our efforts.

This engine of power, so potent for good or for evil, so available for the dissemination of truth or error, may and ought to be directly employed by us for the purpose of giving the people the pure word of God, and such other religious reading as will be adapted to lead them to Jesus, and to the truth as it is in Jesus. We believe that good religious publications are indispensably necessary to the successful prosecution of our work.

Hence, we urge the importance of giving due prominence to religious publications. First and always, we want the open Bible for every home, and for every man, woman and child.

For our preachers, and for all, we want solid works on theology and exegeses, that they may be guarded against errors in interpretation, and against the speculation of reckless theologians who jostle against the grand old doctrines which have been the bulwark of our people. We want an outspoken denominational literature—a literature in which the lines are clearly drawn, and error of every shade and character fearlessly exposed. Let the

people know what we believe, and why, and our Baptist leaven will go on to leaven the whole lump. We rejoice in the fact that all these wants are met in the publications of our Society. That A. B. P. S. on any publication is an all sufficient recommendation of its fitness and safety to be read by any one in whose hands it may chance to fall. It is never guilty of compromising the truth with error, but declares plainly and fearlessly the whole word of God. We rejoice in the fact that nearly all our Sunday schools are using the supplies furnished by our Society, and pray that the day may not be far distant when every school of our denomination in the State shall prove its loyalty to truth by the free and prayerful use of the supplies so carefully prepared and cheaply furnished by the A. B. P. S.

We rejoice in the fact that Dr. Abbott, the Society's agent for California, has removed his $1,700 worth of stock to San Francisco (St. Ann's Building, near Market street and Baldwin's Hotel), in which removal we have no doubt he will have the approval and aid of the Society at Philadelphia, and a more enlarged patronage from the Baptists of the Coast.

And in this connection we wish to offer our heartfelt thanks to the Society for the Bibles and Sunday school supplies furnished gratuitously to many of our schools in the State.

We desire also to publicly express our appreciation of the faithful services of our beloved brother, Dr. G. S. Abbott. For more than six years he has devoted his time and means freely and lovingly in the pulpit, press-room, and Sunday School Institute, by day and night, ever faithful in prosecuting the work of his blessed Master.

We hail with delight the increased interest and growth of the Sunday school work of the State.

J. H. Reider, Chairman.
W. P. Haber.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From the information gained by your committee, it appears that there has been no time in the history of the Baptist denomination in California when so much was being accomplished in Sunday school work as at present. The number of schools under Baptist teaching exclusively is about one hundred. It is believed that all, or nearly all, of these are using the lesson helps and literature of the Baptist Publication Society.

An interesting feature of this work is the broadening interest shown by our schools in the general missionary work of the denomination. It appears from the report of Rev. Dr. Abbott, the efficient Sunday school missionary in California, that the contributions upon "Children's Day" and "Bible Day" were greatly increased during the past year—the receipts from the former being about one hundred dollars in excess of any preceding year, and from the latter an increase of about three hundred per centum over the previous year. The contributions to these two funds, which have been largely from the Sunday schools, amounted to upwards of eleven hundred dollars.

Other contributions, for missions, etc., show that the scholars in our Sunday schools are being educated in sympathy with the spirit of the great commission, and to feel that it is not only a duty but a privilege to aid in carrying forward the work of the Master.

Your committee notes with pleasure the holding of Sunday school Institutes during the year at Pomona, San Jose and Monrovia, under the direction of Rev. Dr. Abbott, with the assistance of other brethren. These Institutes are reported to have been of great interest and profit. We deem these, and like gatherings, of great value, magnifying, as they do, the importance of this branch of Christian work, and developing practical methods for greater efficiency in the labor expended.

Your committee is glad to note, also, the increasing number of Mission schools established in the State, especially in our larger cities. These are valuable evidences of consecrated effort, and of intelligent work, which will be fruitful of beneficent results in the future. Not least among these results will be the developing of individual power among our young people for still greater efficiency and usefulness.

Notwithstanding these encouraging features of the Sunday school work, your committee are profoundly impressed with the importance of making still greater effort in this direction. It is a well recognized fact that the Bible is the great conservator of the family, of society, and of the State. The responsibility for teaching the Word of God rests primarily upon the parent, yet by divine appointment it rests also upon every individual Christian, and especially upon the churches for effectiveness in organized effort.

The question of methods of work is of too wide a scope for presentation in a paper of this character. It may not be amiss, however, to call attention to the matter of house visitation, as one of the most effective ways of reaching those who are not yet under the influence of our churches and Sunday schools. There is a gospel of the hand, which can be acceptably presented as a forerunner of the spoken word, which is powerful to open the hearts of men for receiving the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This belongs to all classes of religious work, but it is especially effective with the young, and it is a powerful influence when brought to bear within the homes of the people. This house visitation, then, whether by pastor or laymen, by Sunday school teachers or by the visiting colporteur, may be appropriately styled the gospel of the hand - and it has been found to be the right hand power in religious work.

Your committee in closing this report would recommend—

1. The holding of Sunday School Institutes, as a means for bringing Sunday school workers together for consultation, for giving them enlarged views of this work, and developing the best methods for its prosecution.

2. Organized house visitation, as one of the best means for interesting parents and reaching the young.

3. Securing colportage in connection with the Publication Society. While colportage is not peculiarly Sunday school work, the Sunday school work is an important part of the colporteur's work.

4. The use of the lesson helps and other literature of the Baptist Publication Society in our schools. These lesson helps are invaluable aids in the study of the Bible lessons. They give a comprehensive commentary upon the text, and are prepared for both the older and younger scholars, evidently with conscientious care, by men of great ability and devoutness of spirit. These lesson helps are not excelled by any other similar publications.

5. That there be earnest and persevering efforts put forth to bring old and young together in the Sunday school, that the multitudes may be brought under the influence of the gospel, and become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ; and, through the study of the Word of God, have an intelligent understanding of Bible truths, and of the law that requires implicit obedience to that which God has commanded.

So shall the Lord's cause prosper, and our commonwealth be blessed. "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord."

In behalf of the Committee.

G. A. Hull, Chairman.

Both reports were discussed by Abbott, Hull, Dorsey, and others, and adopted.

At 12:25 P. M. Convention adjourned to 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at two o'clock, and in accordance with previous action gave way to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The President, Mrs. L. P. Huntsman, presided. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Runyan. Appropriate selections of Scripture were read by the President, followed with remarks.

Miss Ella Miller, a returned missionary from Burma, gave an interesting recital of mission work in that part of the world, illustrating her subject with the exhibition of images worshiped by the heathen. A collection of $24.25 was taken up. Miss Miller is to be temporarily employed by the Society to visit various churches in the State, with the view of creating enlarged interest in the work of Foreign Missions.

The Convention resumed its session at 2:45 P. M. Hymn, "Tell me the Old, Old Story," was sung; prayer by Rev. J. C. Webb, of Healdsburg. Report on Foreign Missions was read by Benj. C. Wright:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Dear brethren of the California Baptist State Convention, your committee to whom was referred the subject of Foreign Missions beg leave to report the following:

The divine and underlying thought of the gospel is the conversion of the world to Christ. And the power of the gospel to effect this purpose, and the plain, unequivocal command of the Saviour to carry this gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, follow directly in the line of this divine thought. This great thought or purpose should be impressed upon, nay countersunk into the hearts of all the church militant to-day.

"Christ must see of the travel of his soul and be satisfied." And the "great commission" is only a reiteration of this purpose and the fulfillment of that divine and gracious prophecy. Thus the "moral dignity of the missionary enterprise" rises at once to an altitude infinitely higher than all the other enterprises which have challenged the admiration of the world. To turn the increasing millions of the earth from the lusts and vanities of the flesh; to change the political, the social and moral status of the world; to cause "the deserts to bud and blossom as the rose;" and "the habitations of cruelty" to become peaceful and smiling christian homes, is most sublime in thought and grand in fulfillment. And all this shall be accomplished with the unrolling years of the future. From hill-top to hill-top, up every craggy mountain side, and throughout every dark crime-tangled valley the shouts of the victorious hosts of the Lord shall yet be heard, for the "mouth of the Lord hath spoken it;" and already the mighty angel of the apoclypse has flown midheaven, "having the everlasting gospel to preach to every nation and tribe and kindred and tongue and people under the whole heavens."

It is now scarcely three-fourths of a century since the Church has aroused herself to heed and to carry out the "marching orders" of her great Captain. Buchanan's "star in the east" threw its bright light upon Europe and America; Cary, "the consecrated cobbler" of England, and the six young men kneeling in prayer under the haystack at Andover, caught this fire of consecration; and this hallowed fire has been enkindled upon thousands of church and family altars since; and this flame shall grow brighter and brighter until it shall touch and enlighten all christian hearts, and yet break forth in the "bright consecrations of millenial glory, showing a world redeemed from the power of sin and Satan, unto God and the Lamb;" and towards this consummation something has already been accomplished.

The Bible has been translated into 302 languages and dialects, and two of

these, the Arabic and Wenli of China, can be read by one million souls each. And altogether, these languages and dialects comprise the speech of nine-tenths of the inhabitants of the globe.

Nominal Christendom embraces to-day about 689,000,000 souls. Under Catholic governments there are about 185,000,000. Under the Greek Church government there are 95,000,000; and under Protestant governments there are some 408,000,000. But this showing, doing the best we may, leaves between eight and nine millions in a state of heathen darkness and death. And all Christendom combined have only six thousand male and female, together with thirty thousand native missionaries in the field to meet this terrible destitution. But what are these among so many?

The time has fully come when the thrilling question begins to run along the aisles, through the pews and the pulpits of all our churches: "How much owest thou unto thy Lord?" Look around you, and within you, and "give account of thy stewardship!" "Over against the treasury" sits our Lord to-day as truly as did he when in the days of his flesh he saw the "rich casting in much," and the poor "widow her two mites." Giving is "a grace," a part of Divine worship. And he who never gave never truly worshipped. With the immense wealth of the Christian church to-day, the glorious commission of our ascended Lord could be carried out in a very short time, to "Preach the gospel to every creature" in the whole earth. And who shall say that soon the spirit of missions may not take hold of the church as some grand inspiration, and the letter of Christ's command be fully realized? All hail that day and that consummation! But to this glorious result what shall you and I do to hasten its coming? Jesus now looks down upon each of us, and repeats: "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments." And ever is His great example before us—"He who was rich for our sakes became poor." And as he has given us a pattern, so may and should we do.

The grace of God be with you all.

CHAS. BUTTON, Chairman.

After report on above, Rev. Van Meter of Rome (with maps), spoke thirty minutes, inspiring great enthusiasm.

The general subject was then discussed by brethren Dargan, Abbott, Hull, Banker, Wright, Todd, and others, and report adopted.

Additional committees were appointed by the President, as follows:

On Resolutions—Rev. E. C. Dargan, Rev. C. E. Harris, Rev. L. M. Protzman.

On Arrangements for 1889—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Benjamin C. Wright, Rev. J. E. Hopper, H. E. McCune, Rev. J. F. Moody.

The report of the Executive Committee of Board of Managers was read by Rev. C. W. Gregory at this point, and adopted without discussion. Following is the report:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

With the close of another year of Convention work, your Executive Committee would submit the following report of their labors:

God's special blessing has been upon the mission work during the entire year. The general policy of the Board has been carried out as heretofore—the greatest good to the greatest number. The object has been to organize and build up churches in the largest towns where we have no interests previously, at the same time, also, our missionaries and missionary pastors have not neglected many of the smaller neighborhoods and communities.

The immense growth of Southern California in all its interests, religious and temporal, has made strong appeals for enlarged activity. In view of this fact your committee, early in the year, appointed to the general work for the Southern District, including the Los Angeles and Santa Barbara Associations, our faithful missionary, the Rev. C. W. Gregory. Before accepting this work, Bro Gregory completed his church edifice and parsonage in East Los Angeles, and brought the church up to self-support. The wisdom of his appointment to the general work is abundantly shown in the results achieved. Churches have been organized as follows: Alhambra, The Palms, Redlands, Ontario, Santa Paula, Ventura. Pastors have been secured for all these churches but Ontario. Work has been done and preliminary enrollment of Baptists made in San Jacinto, Elsinore, South Riverside, South Pasadena, Chino, San Luis Obispo and Paso Robles. At nearly all of these places lots have been secured for the erection of churches. In one or two instances church edifices have already been begun. Separate mention in this connection should be made of the work in San Diego County, which has been carried on without aid from the Board, the First Baptist Church of San Diego having appointed and paid $1,000 for the support of a missionary, who devotes his time to work in the city and vicinity. In furtherance of this object, positive results have already been achieved, either in erection of edifices or organization of churches at National City, Coronado Beach, Middletown and Old Town, and also at Escondido and Oceanside.

The Rev. W. H. Stenger, with his assistant, have been chiefly instrumental in bringing about these results.

The extraordinary demands for organization and work in Southern California, its remoteness from the central portion of the State, and the general trend of distinct interests, have made it desirable for your Executive Committee to recommend separate financial relations between this District and the A. B. H. M. Society of New York. This conclusion has been reached after prayer and mature consultation and deliberation by all parties concerned,

and we express the hope that the society in New York will coincide with these views.

The year has been crowned with success in the number of churches which have become self-sustaining; in all, they number *nine:* Orange, San Bernardino. East Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, Gonzales, Selma, Chico, Petaluma, Vallejo.

Special mention should be made of the fact that but very few of these churches received aid for more than one year. Too much honor cannot be bestowed on the pastors and churches who have made these results possible.

A further element of success may be noted in the unusual number of appointments made. The commissions issued number 27, as against 15 for the previous year. In thus enlarging our missionary force, due regard has been given to the probable income to the treasury; and it is believed that the report of the Treasurer will show a balance after all obligations have been discharged.

The General Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, has performed another year of unremitting service, and has traveled over eight thousand miles, delivering ninety-nine sermons and addresses; attending one hundred and ten other meetings; writing one thousand official letters and cards; securing lots for church purposes in a number of towns; helping to raise debts; assisting churches in raising salaries for pastors in order to relieve the Board; opening up new fields; giving counsel and stimulus to the work throughout his immense field by imparting to the principal church a knowledge of the methods, needs and results of our work. His presence at our regular monthly meetings has become indispensable, because of his accurate and extensive knowledge of the whole field of operations. An invaluable feature of his work has consisted in giving direction to securing pastors and evangelists for the churches. In all these departments of service he has accomplished much that it is impossible to report.

Of the fields still receiving aid, we mention the following:

Los Gatos.—This work was in charge of Rev. C. H. Hobart until October 1st. He reports three received by baptism, eight by letter and experience. His work was eminently satisfactory, and was laid aside to take a larger field; the Rev. S. J. Nunn taking up the work thus left, with aid from the society of $200 as against $250 the previous year. In the line of further progress, good lots have been secured, and money is being collected for the erection of a church edifice.

Penryn.—This church continues to be ably served by the Rev. L. M. Protzman. The amount appropriated is $250. During the past year, by aid from the Edifice Fund, the church has relieved itself from debt. *Five* have been added by baptism and one by relation.

Important visitations are held at Christian Valley, Colfax and Auburn; at the latter place it is expected a church will soon be organized.

Napa.—The Rev. W. R. Conelly, under great difficulties, is having remarkable success in reviving what was supposed to be a forlorn hope. His work, though interrupted for three months by enforced absence on account of

family sickness, has issued in the provision of funds for the erection of a substantial meeting-house, and work on the same is being pushed most vigorously. A new spirit of confidence and hopefulness has been imparted to the Church, and it is with the deepest regret that we contemplate the early removal of Bro. Conelly, owing to the continued sickness of his family. The appropriation to this field continues the same as last year.

HEALDSBURG.—At this point remarkable results have been achieved. Under the work of Rev. C. S. Taylor, the services of the church, long neglected, were resumed early in the year. In July Rev. J. C. Webb was called to the work, being aided by an appropriation of $100 for six months. His labors have been signally blessed in special and exceedingly successful revival meetings, conducted by the Rev. J. S. Norvell. During the year seventeen have been added to the Church. The dilapidated church edifice has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of about $600, all of which is provided. It is expected that no further aid will be needed after July 1st.

SWEDISH WORK IN LOS ANGELES.—Under the fostering care of the Convention, through the First Los Angeles Baptist Church, the Swedish Church has been organized and aided. Its membership is now sixty; and scarcely any mission work of the past year has given better returns. The pastor of the church, Rev. August Olson, is an efficient servant of the Board.

COMPTON.—The Rev. T. R. Bowles, pastor, deserves special mention as an example of what a mission church, though poor, can do in aiding our denominational societies. The gifts of this Church during the past year have been in excess of $2 per member, for general benevolence. The faithful labor of its pastor has not been in vain, despite the special difficulties of this field. A goodly number of additions by baptism and otherwise have been made.

Other fields, where money is being expended and labor performed, are as follows: Colton, $200; Lompoc, $100; Tulare, $400; First Swedish Church, Oakland, with out-station in San Francisco, $300.

Of other fields where labor is being performed with great promise of success, we would call attention to Redlands, Alhambra, The Palms, Escondido, Oceanside, Ontario, South Riverside, Paso Robles, Santa Paula, Ventura, National City, Coronado, Middletown and Old Town, Redwood City, Lodi, Benicia, Merced, Redding, Nevada City and Auburn. Each of these towns should receive missionary aid at once. Also of the towns of more than two thousand inhabitants, where we should begin work, the list is as follows: San Luis Obispo, Watsonville, Hollister, Gilroy, Livermore, San Leandro, Berkeley, San Rafael, Marysville, Grass Valley, Oroville, Visalia, Martinez and Haywards.

We find that seventeen of the fifty-two counties of the State have not a single Baptist Church; also, that nine other counties have each but *one* church. Practically, twenty-six counties, or one-half of the whole are destitute so far as Baptist work is concerned. While this destitution prevails we have to face the fact of an unparalleled immigration. We are assured by the

State Surveyor-General that three hundred thousand immigrants are now in the State seeking homes, and a still greater number are expected during the coming year. Mighty responsibilities are upon us.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

First—That the time for holding our Convention be changed to the Wednesday after the *first* Lord's Day of April of each year, and that the Constitution be amended to this effect.

Second—That the Bible schools observe the second Sunday in September as a Harvest Home Concert in the interest of our State mission work.

Third—That the Convention become incorporated in harmony with the recommendation of a year ago, in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.

Fourth—That the General Secretary be requested to secure regular quarterly reports from all the appointees of the Board.

Fifth—That the recommendation of the Executive Committee in regard to mission work in the southern part of the State be approved, and that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee to be appointed for the present year with authority to take such action as may be necessary in the premises, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of this Convention.

A telegram was received from Missionary Union, per C. F. Tolman, at Chicago, greeting Convention. On motion, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., was appointed to reply.

Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., presented the following names to fill out class of 1891, Board of Managers, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the same, viz.: Rev. W. C. Spencer, G. A. Hull, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D , Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. B. Spencer, Rev. A. M. Petty, J. L. Lyon, and Rev. C. E. Harris to fill the class of 1890.

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Committee on Obituaries, though in possession of only a few facts, have reason to believe that the number of deaths in the Baptist denomination of California during the past Convention year has been larger than in some previous years. There is hardly one of the churches, no matter how small, but what can point to a pew in which there has been a place made vacant by death. These vacancies have not only caused pain to the other occupants of the pew, but throughout the local membership and to many a pastor's

heart. Anything like a detailed report under this head is impossible, because the necessary information for such a report is not available. Even a full and correct statement of the briefest details would occupy much more space than is practicable. After all, dead people are of little worth to the living, though the memory of their good deeds which the mention of their names suggests often serves as an inspiration to a higher life and to nobler thought and effort. So far as those who have gone before us have followed, Christ, let their example be an incentive to holy living. May it be our ambition to even excel them in devotion to the Master's service. As it is impossible to give even the names of all who have departed this life in the past year, it seems out of place to mention any, for those omitted, for aught we know, may have been more deserving of notice than those mentioned. Without impropriety, however, we may mention the names of two deceased persons, honored by this Convention in the past.

Rev. J. W. Parker, D. D., who died at Los Angeles last October, was one of the Board of Managers of this Convention at the time of his death. He lived some years beyond the threescore and ten allotted to man, and left the memory of well performed work in the cause of Christ.

Dr. A. B. Stuart died at Santa Rosa last August. He was with us in Convention a year ago at Oakland, when he was chosen its First Vice-President. He is with us to-day, and will be with us in years to come, through his benefactions to higher education in California as inseparably linked with Mary Stuart Hall, the name of the first building erected under the revived work of California College at Highland Park, Oakland.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
E. B. HATCH,
JOHN E. TROTTER,
J. F. MOODY.

After reading the above, President Spencer called on Rev. A. W. Runyan to offer prayer. Report adopted.

Committee on Place and Arrangements (Rev. W. H. Pendleton, chairman) reported in favor of next annual meeting at First Baptist Church, Sacramento, as the place, and Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., of San Bernardino, preacher of annual sermon, with Rev. E. C. Dargan of Dixon as alternate; time of meeting, on Wednesday evening after first Sunday in April. Adopted.

The Committee on New Churches, consisting of Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., Hon. H. E. McCune, Rev. A. C. Herrick, Rev. J. H. Reider, G. M. Coulter and C. N. Whitmore, were requested to report as soon as possible on San Jose Church.

On motion, Rev. W. W. Tinker was invited to conduct a service of song for fifteen minutes, commencing at 7:30 P. M.

After prayer by Dr. Abbott, adjourned at 5:30 to meet at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

After devotional exercises, moved that Trustees for California College be nominated in Convention.

Moved that visiting brethren be invited to seats in Convention.

Report of Committee on Education was then submitted by Rev. J. E. Hopper, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

As loyal citizens we are in favor of the system of free public school instruction adopted by the State, and are pleased to know that it is so thorough and working so efficiently. The State as such owes it to itself, to conserve its own free institutions, to provide that those who exercise the franchise and make its laws should do so intelligently. As Baptists we have further obligations, viz., to provide for the advanced instruction of our sons and daughters under the best moral and christian influences, so that in our churches there shall ever be an intelligent and God-fearing membership. Also it is our duty to provide for our churches a ministry who, with the calling and graces of the Holy Ghost, shall have such knowledge both secular and religious as shall equip them rightly to divide the word of truth and to meet the different phases of evil which in ever-varying forms assail "the faith delivered once for all."

As California Baptists there are strong demands made upon us for educational institutions which shall adequately meet the wants of our families and churches, so that in the pew as well as in the pulpit we shall have intelligent advocates of the truth we hold sufficiently fundamental to make us christians and Baptists. This need has been recognized and partially met as the promising educational beginnings at Oakland and Los Angeles demonstrate. In Oakland the California College has secured a beautiful campus at Highland Park of twelve acres, worth $30,000. Mary Stuart Hall has been erected, costing $14,000. A ladies' dormitory was finished last year, costing $6,000, upon which there is a debt of $2,000. In addition there is endowment invested in mortgages of $13,500, also 205 acres of land at Vacaville,

valued at $20,000, but at present only yielding a small income. There is no boys' dormitory, and the income from endowments is inadequate to meet current expenses.

There should be active efforts made at once to provide suitable accommodations for our boys and young men. A building will cost about $6,000. With the effort to secure this there should be a strong canvass made to obtain $25,000 for additional endowment. With these wants secured we should be able to meet the present necessities of our churches in educational advantages for our young men and women, and have reasonable hope for providing a ministry for our destitute churches from the young men of our own State.

The work of the past year in the college has been gratifying. Seventy students have been enrolled. Two graduated in the young ladies' course. The professors have faithfully done their work, and especially are our thanks due to Rev. Dr. Morse, the President, who has not only carried rare executive ability into his work as well as good teaching, but has secured for the college during the year some $4,000 toward the building fund.

We recommend—

1. The appointment of a brother who has the ear and confidence of our churches to begin at once a thorough canvass to secure funds for buildings and endowment.

2. The pastors and deacons to ask their several churches to fix a time for the presentation of the claims of California College and take a collection for current expenses.

3. The Board of Directors of California College to obtain by correspondence the dates when churches arrange to present the college claims, and, if wished, send one of their number, their agent, or some interested brother to assist in setting forth the pressing necessity of the work in which we are engaged.

The following facts have been supplied the committee by the brethren of the Los Angeles University. It has a campus of fifteen acres, worth $30,000; a college building costing $20,000; a boys' dormitory is in course of erection to cost $8,000. There was secured from sale of land donated the University $36,000. Of this amount, intended to be held as endowment, the Board of Management have been compelled to borrow some $16,000 in order to complete buildings. It is, however, intended to make a vigorous effort this year to collect and replace this amount. The school has enjoyed a prosperous year. Some ninety-five students have been enrolled, and the brethren in charge are hopeful and confident for the future.

Addresses were made by Revs. Pendleton, Morse, Hopper, Dorsey, and Hon. H. E. McCune.

Report adopted, after $2,000 had been pledged for the erection of boys' dormitory at California College, Highland Park, Oakland.

THIRD DAY.

From 9 A. M. to 10 A. M. was given to a meeting of California Baptist Historical Society, the proceedings of which will be found elsewhere.

Convention was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. B. Spencer, at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Gregory of Los Angeles.

Motion was made and carried to limit speeches to three minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Resolutions respectfully report the following:

Resolved, That we desire to record with emphasis our profound gratitude to God for the manifest blessing bestowed upon the work of this Convention during the past year; for the enlarged contributions to benevolence; for the new churches formed; for the souls converted; for the harmony prevalent in our meetings and work.

Resolved, That we commend to the churches and pastors in our Convention our sister, Miss Ella Miller, who has been appointed by the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, to travel in the interest of that work.

Resolved, That, while as a body we make no utterance as to the political aspect of the temperance movement, we put on record our earnest and prayerful interest in all lawful and well directed efforts to abate and suppress the fearful evil of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we render hearty thanks to the Fresno Baptist Church and pastor for their earnest efforts to make our meeting a success; to the citizens who have hospitably entertained us; to the local press, especially the *Democrat*, for courtesy in reporting the meetings and furnishing copies of papers; and to the Southern Pacific Railway for reduced rates for delegates and attendants upon this Convention.

Resolved, That we recommend to our churches to take at least one collection a year for our educational work in California.

Resolved, That we recommend our churches to raise at least $7,000 for the work of missions in our State during the next year.

E. C. DARGAN,
C. E. HARRIS,
L. M. PROTZMAN,
Committee.

The Statistical Secretary then reported, and report adopted. Report will be found elsewhere.

REPORT ON RECEPTION OF NEW CHURCHES.

While many new churches have been organized the past year, most of them are so far from our place of meeting that they cannot be represented here. The churches at Lemoore, Tulare, Kingsburg and Good Hope request membership in this Convention. We recommend their reception.

G. S. Bailey,
A. C. Herrick,
H. E. McCune.

COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

Report of Committee to nominate Trustees of California College:

Class of 1890—W. M. Kincaid, E. C. Dargan, J. E. Hopper, P. D. Code, Robert Crane, H. L. White, D. D. Hudson, H. E. McCune.

Class of 1888—B. C. Wright, *vice* S. B. Morse, resigned.

Class of 1889—Bunyan Spencer, *vice* J. W. Parker, deceased.

O. C. Wheeler,
G. S. Abbott,
W. R. Strong.

IMPORTANT POINTS IN REPORT OF BOARD.

Your Committee on Important Subjects in the report of the Board would submit the following report:

The report as a whole should fill our hearts with gratitude and hope, but there are a few features of it which are worthy of special mention.

1. The gain in membership and increase in contributions. The histories of the missionary churches in this respect during the year is very gratifying; one church, the church at Compton—the Rev. T. R. Bowles, pastor—being a star of marked brilliancy, having not only greatly increased its membership, but has given more than two dollars per member for benevolent purposes.

2. The number of churches during the year that have become self-supporting. Nine churches have become self-supporting: Orange, San Bernardino, East Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, Gonzales, Selma, Chico, Petaluma and Vallejo; and the churches receiving aid, receive it but for a short time. This is a policy we heartily endorse. Self-help is the best help, and the sooner the churches can be brought to care for themselves the better.

3. The work of our General Secretary, the Rev. W. H. Latourette. This work is very gratifying and cannot be overestimated. That he has traveled 8,000 miles and delivered 99 sermons and addresses does not begin to measure the good accomplished. One of the most important departments of his work is establishing churches, strengthening those that are weak, and se-

curing for them pastors of ability and clean records. The immensity of the field and the difficulties with which he has to contend should bespeak for him our hearty support.

4. The unusual number of appointments made. There were twenty-seven appointments made against fifteen last year. We believe that every effort should be made to largely increase the number of missionaries for the coming year, in view of the startling fact that one-third of the counties of the State have as yet no Baptist church.

5. The needs. In view of the immense population crowding in upon us, we have need of increased contributions from all our churches, and it is earnestly hoped that the attempt will be made to raise at least one dollar per member in every church in the State. It is also believed that in view of the extent of the field and the pressing call upon us to meet the needs of a rapidly increasing population, we should receive an increased contribution from the Board in New York, and we believe that San Francisco should receive the especial attention of the Board in New York.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. W. Dorsey,
J. B. Banker,
W. P. Todd.

Motion made and carried, that the churches be requested to contribute pro rata towards the expenses of printing the Minutes, and if there be then a deficiency, the said deficiency to be taken from the General Fund.

Moved and carried, that the matter of advertising in the Minutes to defray the expenses of same, also publishing the same, be referred to B. C. Wright, H. S. Smith and P. W. Dorsey.

Committee on the San Jose church reported, per J. B. Hartwell, and adopted as follows:

Your committee on the church in San Jose, represented by D. E. Gish, report that the matter involves questions of church polity of too grave a nature to be discussed and decided either by the committee or this Convention at this hour; and therefore we recommend that the matter be now laid on the table without prejudice.

J. B. Hartwell,
A. C. Herrick,
C. N. Whitmore,
G. M. Coulter.

Moved and carried, that the minutes of this session be referred to the President and Secretary, and the reading of the same.

After prayer by Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., Convention adjourned at 11:30 A. M.

REV. BUNYAN SPENCER, President.
H. S. SMITH, Secretary.

REPORTS OF ASSOCIATIONS.—Clerks of various associations in the State will please forward duplicate copies of association minutes for 1888 to H. S. Smith, Secretary General Baptist Convention, Box 309, Fresno, Cal.

CIRCULATE THE MINUTES.—The edition of the Convention Minutes for 1888 is 1,000 copies. There are about 9,000 Baptists in the State. Those who receive copies of the minutes and do not wish to preserve them, will, after reading, please pass them to others, so that their circulation may be as wide as possible.

MISSIONARY BOARD MEETINGS.

FRESNO, May 9, 1888.

Board of Convention met at 6:30 P. M., H. E. McCune in Chair; S. B. Morse Secretary *pro tem.*

The report of the Executive Committee was read by Rev. C. W. Gregory, and adopted. Voted to recommend to the Convention that the Article in the Constitution fixing the time of the annual meeting of Convention in May be so changed as to read that the annual meeting shall convene upon the Wednesday after the 1st Sunday in April of each year.

S. B. MORSE,
Secretary *pro tem.*

May 10th, 1888.

Board met 1:30 P. M. Roll was called, and nine members reported.

Minutes of last year read by Rev. W. H. Latourette.

The Executive Committee's report was read by Rev. C. W. Gregory.

Discussion followed upon one recommendation, that of forming an Executive Committee for Southern California, to have

separate financial relation and direct communication with the New York Board. The matter was finally decided that the Executive Committee had the entire control of all moneys and to make all appointments. The Board recommended that the new Executive Committee take such action under the Constitution of the Convention as shall give satisfaction to the South and the North.

Board adjourned.

The report of the Board for correction.

The Board unanimously voted to expunge all words from its report which refer to the incorporation of the Convention.

MINISTERS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Baptist Ministers' and Laymen's Conference of California met with Fresno Baptist Church, Tuesday evening, May 8th, 1888, at 8 o'clock.

Called to order by G. S. Abbott, D. D.

Welcome by W. P. Haber.

Prayer by Dr. Chase of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Usual committees appointed.

Committee on Nominations reported in favor of Rev. A. W. Runyan, of San Jose, for Moderator; Rev. J. C. Webb, of Healdsburg, for Clerk. Adopted.

The Enrollment Committee reported substantially the same as Convention Committee. See Convention enrollment.

Rev. E. C. Dargan, of Dixon, gave an address on the importance of a Rising Ministry in California. The address was one of deep interest, and called forth earnest remarks from a number of the brethren in full sympathy with the speaker.

Prayer by Dr. Hartwell.

On motion, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., of Oakland, was appointed to convey a message of love and sympathy from the Conference to Rev. J. C. Jordan, pastor of Fresno Church, now confined to his house by sickness.

After prayer by Rev. E. B. Hatch, adjourned.

Wednesday morning, May 9th, 1888.

From 9:15 to 10 o'clock, devotional meeting, led by Rev. W. W. Tinker, of East Los Angeles.

At 10 o'clock the Conference was called to order by Moderator Rev. A. W. Runyan.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Downie, of Oakland.

Rev. E. B. Hatch was called upon for his paper on The Lord's Day, which was a masterly and exhaustive argument for the observation of the first day of the week as a day of worship.

Prior to the discussion of this paper by Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., of Pomona, visiting brethren Dr. Chase of Minnesota, and Dr. Van Meter of Italy, and others, were invited to seats in and to take part in discussions of the Conference.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Bunyan Spencer, of San Francisco, presented an interesting paper, the subject being The Church and Children. This was discussed by Messrs. Chase and Van Meter.

Prayer by Bro. E. C. Dargan. Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference called to order at 2 o'clock by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. H. E. Adams, of Selma.

Rev. J. E. Trotter, of Petaluma, read the paper on The Administration of the Ordinances, which was quite freely discussed by Dr. W. H. Pendleton, of Los Angeles, Rev. F. S. Lawrence, of Stockton, Rev. B. Spencer, Dr. Chase and others.

After singing by congregation, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, of San Francisco, read a paper on The Baptists' Work for California—Present and Future.

Brothers Gregory and Latourette made stirring speeches, and roused a good deal of enthusiasm on the subject of Home Missions; and a number of the brethren pledged themselves to try and raise one dollar per member from their churches for home missions the coming year.

On motion, the following Committee on Programme for next year was appointed by the Chair: Rev. Dr. Button, of Riverside, Rev. E. C. Dargan, of Dixon, C. N. Whitmore, of Ceres.

A resolution of thanks for hospitality, and favors received from railroad companies, and citizens and press of Fresno, was unanimously adopted.

The Conference adjourned at 5 o'clock, after prayer by Rev. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento.

Rev. A. W. RUNYAN,
Moderator.

Rev. J. C. Webb, Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

FRESNO, May 11th, 1888.

The Annual Session of the Baptist Historical Society of California was called to order by the President, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Secretary being absent, Rev. J. F. Moody was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The President read an annual report, which was adopted.

PRESIDENT WHEELER'S REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the Baptist Historical Society of California:

Your constitution does not require of any of its officers an annual report, showing the proceedings of the Society during the preceding year and its present status. Such a requirement should exist, and prompt and full compliance therewith should be exacted from both the President and the Secretary. To the success of our work this will be found a *sine qua non*. Believing this, I, as your President, have ventured to inaugurate the work, without waiting for the necessary amendment to the constitution. Written history — and that is the form in which we are accustomed to refer to it — presents in permanent form the transpirings of the past, which constitute in large measure the inspiration under which the human mind projects and the human hand develops the improvements of the present and the future. Hence the progress and the final triumph of any enterprise or any undertaking will largely depend upon the thoroughness with which its leaders acquaint themselves with the facts of the past, and the fidelity with which they apply the suggestions deducible therefrom.

A beginning in the legitimate work of the Society has been made by your President. A small number of pamphlets has been collected, and more have been engaged, notably among which is a set of the *Baptist Magazine* and other valuable documents illustrative of our denominational progress, donated by Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., editor of the *Herald of Truth*. We are hoping also to secure files of the various Baptist periodicals that have been published on this coast. These contributions will doubtless be followed by others, until we may reasonably hope that the current periodical literature of the denomination will be filed as it is issued and carefully preserved in the archives of the Society.

Rev. C. H. Hobart, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Society, has been for several months traveling in the East, and very much to our regret will be

unable to be present at this meeting. Before leaving, he transmitted to me the copy of the constitution of the Society and what he had made of the records of its proceedings, together with the statement that he has in his hands, as Treasurer, the sum of $21.75.

At the time the Society was organized, one year ago, thirty-seven persons became members, and I do not know that the number has since been increased. It is hoped that a very large addition will be made to our membership before we separate at this time. I beg to suggest at this point that this document be referred to a committee of three, to report as soon as may be, such formal action as it may be thought best for the Society to take at this time, and that another committee of three be appointed to present such revision of the constitution as may seem desirable.

Hoping that the efficiency of the Society may be such that our children's children, to the remotest generation, may have occasion for gratitude that the early fidelity and efficiency of the Historical Society has afforded them the means of becoming wiser and better for all coming time,

Fraternally and faithfully yours,

O. C. WHEELER.

Fresno, May 10, 1888.

The following committees were appointed, viz.:

On President's Report—Hon. H. E. McCune, Rev. A. C. Herrick and Rev. G. S. Bailey, D.D.

On Constitution—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Rev. G. S. Abbott and Rev. W. H. Pendleton.

On Nomination of Officers—Rev. W. H. Latourette and W. R. Strong.

The names of forty-two annual members were enrolled, and the Secretary was authorized to write to the annual members of last year, asking them to renew their membership by the payment of the usual sum.

The Committee on the Constitution reported, recommending the addition to Art. III, Sec. 1, the following words, "The President and the Secretary and Treasurer shall make an annual report to the Society." Report unanimously adopted.

The Treasurer reported cash received, on hand, $21.75.

The Committee on Nomination of Officers reported—

For President—Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D.

For Vice-President—Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D.

For Secretary and Treasurer—Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D.

These officers were duly elected.

The Committee on the President's Report reported, recommending that the President be requested to deliver a historical address next year, at such time as the Committee of Arrangements shall decide upon. For this report was substituted a motion by Rev. W. H. Latourette, that President Wheeler be requested to prepare a paper on The Early History of Baptists in California, which was carried.

After addresses by Rev. Dr. Wheeler and several other brethren, the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Breaker.

O. C. WHEELER, President.

J. B. HARTWELL, Secretary.

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SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
H. S. Smith, Fresno.	W. R. Strong, Sacramento.
Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St., S. F.	P. D. Code, 314 Washington St., S. F.
C. S. Taylor, Lakeport.	R. P. White, Upper Lake.
A. F. Snellins, Lakeview, Or.	T. Garrett, Lake City.
Jas. H. Roe, Riverside.	Wm. H. Pendleton, Jr., Downey.
Rev. J. C. Webb, Healdsburg.	Robert Crane, Santa Rosa.
Rev. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.	A. E. Duncan, Willows.
M. S. Featherstone, Goshen.	W. P. Haber, Fresno.
Mrs. Bunyan Spencer, 1125 Ellis St., S. F.	Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough St., S. F.
Mrs. Wm. C. Spencer, Alameda.	Mrs. W. H. Lataurette, Alameda.
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Rev. J. H. Garnett, E. Oakland.	J. H. Stevens, 315 California St., S. F.
S. I. Merrill, Los Angeles.	Hon. J. D. Bicknell.
W. B. Thompson, San Francisco.	J. R. Bennett,
Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason St., S.F.	J. B. Hartwell. 1011 Mason St., S. F.
Rev. J. C. Webb, Healdsburg.	

TABULATED SUMMARY—BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Associations.	No. of Churches....	Membership.					Property.				Worship.	Benevolences.						
		Baptized during Year....	Total Gain...	Total Loss...	Net Gain....	Present Membership	Seating Capacity....	Valuation....	Indebtedness	Improvmts during Year.	Annual Cost.	Foreign Missions....	Home Missions...	Cal. Chinese Missions...	Am. Baptist Pub. Society.	Higher Education.	Other Benevolences	Total Benevolences.....
Central.....	25	225	579	245	334	2,843	8,155	$273,950	$33,750	$21,429	$31,157	$421 38	$1,098 28	$145 67	$191 94	$887	$1,762 90	$4,507 17
Clear Lake.....	10	26	48	20	28	355	1,630	10,136	275	570	1,000		25 00		30 00	150		205 00
*Eastern.....	13	3	8	8		233	250	2,000	125	25	850		60 75					60 75
Los Angeles.....	21	156	643	201	442	1,986	4,300	232,200	7,822	18,280	29,625	1,472 08	984 63	120 65	257 42	8,855	959 50	12,649 28
Pacific.....	12	65	173	96	77	921	2,325	54,750	643	475	8,641	106 10	311 73	95 00	72 17	500	24 47	1,109 47
Sacramento River..	21	79	144	51	93	705	1,775	24,200	3,500	240	3,815		47 00		7 65			54 65
Santa Barbara.....	12	8	36	7	29	201	200	5,523		112	2,145		10 45		11 21			21 66
Tulare.....	17	28	106	52	54	420	1,620	39,044	500	6,000	4,167	72 30	34 32		15 00	533	270 50	925 12
Unassociated.....	18	64	180	8	172	330	950	24,150	500	100	3,125	42 80	219 42		108 86	700	17 86	1,088 94
Totals.....	149	654	1,917	688	1,229	7,994	21,205	$665,953	$47,115	$47,231	$84,525	$2,114 66	$2,791 58	$361 32	$694 25	$11,625	$3,035 23	$20,622 04

* No minutes received, and but three churches sent returns.

N. B. Many of these figures are much lower than they would be if the churches would all report to the Statistical Secretary.

SUNDAY AND MISSION SCHOOLS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	No. of Schools.	ENROLLED.			AVERAGE ATTENDANCE.			Vols. in Library.	Value of Library.	Annual Expense of School	Benevolence.	Using our Denominational Literature.
		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total.					
Central	37	392	2980	3372	351	2394	2745	4712	$1,445	$2,478	$673.15	26
Clear Lake	6	24	177	201	23	145	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
* Eastern	3	16	77	93	16	77	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Los Angeles	15	181	1869	2050	163	1186	1349	1308	200	1,519	588.95	12
Pacific	9	102	730	832	85	550	635	1038	409	398	160.45	9
Sacramento River	5	40	232	272	31	195	226	.....	.....	190	.....	5
Santa Barbara	2	16	106	122	12	81	93	60	20	48	20.00	1
Tulare	10	68	447	515	48	320	368	232	50	245	20.00	6
Unassociated	2	17	137	154	16	81	97	168	50	74	.....	1
Totals	89	856	6755	7611	740	5034	5774	7518	$2,174	$4,952	$1,462.55	63

* No minutes received, and only three churches reported to Statistical Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of this Society was held in connection with the Convention, on May 10th, 1888, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Fresno.

The proceedings commenced with devotional exercises, led by the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis. Mrs. Garthwaite, Mrs. Bradway, Mrs. Webb and Rev. Mr. Fisk took part in this meeting.

Mrs. Hunting, on behalf of the entertaining Church, extended a cordial welcome to the Society, which was responded to by Mrs. Davis.

The Chair appointed as a Committee on Enrollment, Miss C. P. Hull and Mrs. J. Eastwood; Nominating Committee, Mrs. H. Garthwaite, Mrs. C. G. Sayle and Mrs. H. E. Adams.

The reports of officers were then called for in the following order and adopted.

The Recording Secretary presented the following report, which was accepted:

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

It is my pleasing duty to bring before you a few facts concerning the meetings of this Society for the year just closed.

We are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father for the mercies of the

year, for we recognize Him as the giver of every good gift. Especially would we record our gratitude for the harmony and peace that have characterized all our meetings.

There have been four public meetings and seven meetings of the Executive Board during the year. The annual meeting was held on April 28th, 1887, in the First Baptist Church, Oakland. This was a grand meeting, but as the report has appeared in the minutes of the Society, it is not necessary to mention details concerning it, except to mention that *The Home Field*, a quarterly paper published by this Society, at the very low price of twenty-five cents per year, was introduced, and thirty-eight subscribers secured. Every Baptist lady in California should read this well-conducted paper, and so keep posted on the work of the Society and the needs of this great field so fully white to harvest. Some sisters say, "Oh, I am not interested in home missions; our own little church demands all my energies." May I remind these sisters, so poor in their narrow sympathies — in case a few of them have found their way into this gathering—that this is not the spirit of Him whom they call Master. His sympathies were so deep, they reached from the highest throne in Heaven down to this sin-cursed earth, and on, even to the death of the cross. They were so broad, they encircled the whole world, including even—Oh, wonder of wonders!—the poor little selfish heart that has no thought for others' woes. We all need more of this spirit of Christ, and reading *The Home Field* will educate our sympathies and therefore enlarge them.

The first quarterly meeting took place on July 29th, 1887, in the First Baptist Church, Oakland, and was an unusually good one. Miss Hull's excellent paper on a "Model Circle" was highly appreciated. Many other good things were also read and spoken.

The afternoon session commenced with a devotional roll call, when sixty-five responded to their names by repeating a verse of Scripture. A question box was also established, which called forth many helpful words.

Lim Chow addressed the audience at some length, speaking of his life in China, while training for his work, also of his hopes and aims regarding his countrymen in this land.

The semi-annual meeting was held at Sacramento, October 6, 1887, in the First Methodist Church, and in connection with the Central Baptist Association. Mrs. Aiken, of the Calvary Baptist Church, gave the Society a most cordial welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. J. W. Henry. Mrs. Merriman read an essay on "Woman's Part in Home Mission Work." Mrs. C. C. Bateman contributed a poem. Other essays followed, namely:—"The Corner Stone, Mrs. J. W. Henry; "Prayer a Necessity of All Home Mission Work," by Laura A. Pfortner; essay, by Mrs. Adams, of Fresno county.

The third quarterly meeting on January 26, 1888, was held with the Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland.

Mrs. Fleenor read an excellent paper on "Consecrated Work."

We were indebted to Mrs. Thompson and Miss Northey for the musical

part of the program; and to Mrs. Bamford, Mrs. Sawtelle, Miss Wilson, and Miss Mattie Torson for interesting and practical essays on different phases of home mission work. Mrs. J. W. Henry favored us with some poetical productions, one of which was a tribute of respect to the memory of our sister, Mrs. R. G. Upton.

Resolutions of esteem for the memory of our dear departed sisters, Mrs. C. S. Capp and Mrs. R. G. Upton, and of heartfelt sympathy with their bereaved familes, were adopted.

The meetings of the Executive Board have been held at the different churches around the bay. They have been well attended and of a very pleasant character.

At the last regular board meeting on the 1st of March, we were expecting to have Miss Burdette, the Corresponding Secretary of the W. B. H. M. Society of the West, present with us, and had made arrangements for a public meeting in the afternoon, but owing to the inclement weather, our sister could not meet with us. However, in spite of our disappointment we had a pleasant little gathering, with some splendid essays by Mrs. J. W. Henry and Mrs. Fleenor, and a much appreciated solo by Mrs. King.

In looking over the records of the year we find much to encourage us in this branch of the Master's work,—much has been attempted, and we trust, accomplished. There seems to be a growing interest in the work of the Society, by the sisters of the different churches, and the brethren, too, have often encouraged us by their presence and kindly words.

But after all, what has been done, at all commensurate with the appalling demands? Who among us can say we have done *all* we could?

Can we expect to hear applied to us, those thrilling words of Christ, which through all their long flight over the centuries, have never lost their power to move the human heart? "She hath done what she could."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. C. SPENCER,
Recording Secretary.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Latourette, was read and approved. (See Treasurer's report.)

The report of the Treasurer of Printing Fund, Miss A. S. Williams, was also read and approved. (See Treasurer's report.)

The Corresponding Secretary's report was presented and approved. (See Corresponding Secretary's report.)

A vote of thanks to and sympathy with our dear and valued Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Henry, was passed. The Society has had in her a faithful and zealous worker, and one who has gained the love of all the members. The promise of our prayers for God's blessing on her work was also given.

Mrs. Adams, in reporting as Secretary for the Tulare Association, mentioned as one cause for thankfulness and encouragement, that the Lord had, in answer to prayer, sent praying women. She spoke of the ladies' societies in many of the struggling churches of this Association that are, out of their own deep poverty, giving one-tenth to missions.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was received, and the following officers were duly elected: Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, President; Mrs. B. C. Wright, Vice-President; Mrs. William C. Spencer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Stevens, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Treasurer.

Associational secretaries and other officers elected as printed.

Mrs. Davis, in a few graceful words, thanked the Society for the honor they had again conferred upon her.

The report of "The State of the Work in Southern California," by Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, was then received.

Mrs. A. C. Herrick, through press of other engagements, failed to report on "The State of the Work in Northern California."

The report of the committee on Change of Constitution was received and adopted clause by clause. (See Constitution as printed.)

After a short discussion regarding the position in our Society of circles making regular contributions to its funds, it was resolved that we add Article VIII to the By-Laws.

Moved by Mrs. H. Garthwaite, that The W. B. H. Mission Society hold its annual meeting in connection with the Convention, on Wednesday, the day for the Ministers' and Laymen's Conference. Carried unanimously.

The Committee on Enrollment reported representatives from sixteen churches, and twelve visitors, among whom were Miss Miller, late of Burma; Miss Stein, recently from Canton, China; Miss S. M. Young, Philadelphia; Miss Luella Thomas, Dixon; Miss R. L. Herd, President of Presbyterian Ladies' Society,

Fresno; Mrs. L. J. Howard and Miss Larrie Kyle, M. E. Society, Fresno; Mrs. M. S. Lucky, M. E. South, Fresno.

The Society then adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Afternoon session commenced at 2:30, with devotional exercises.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

This committee does not come before you to-day with an elaborate report, and yet we doubt if any report for the whole meeting is prepared with so joyous and thankful a heart as this.

There are joys, we are told, with which a stranger doth not intermeddle; and this the offering of a cup of cold water or its equivalent to one of Christ's little ones, is one of them. He who said: "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men," may understand the reasons which led us to make what may seem to some of the listeners so meager a report of so joyous a service.

We have read of the philanthropist, who, when one spoke to him of his work, interrupted him brusquely with the remark: "Work, indeed! Call it fun, for such it is, and nothing else." Though we have a faint remembrance of hours spent in what we were tempted to call work, yet now in the retrospect we count it *all* joy. And in this conclusion we are sure of the concurrence of a large number throughout the State; for, while this department has only been established during the last year, many of our circles have engaged in its work with enthusiasm, and we have yet to hear of the first individual who is sorry for what she did in this direction. *Thirteen* churches have through this bureau sent barrels and boxes to some of our Master's noble servants, who are doing the best work in this State to-day, and letters received from many of these circles testify that they have already realized the reward promised those who give to a disciple in the name of a disciple.

If there are any of you who have not as yet taken active part in this joyous service, we invite you to come with us and share our privileges, for this is one of life's pleasures which is by no means restricted in its sphere.

We would earnestly recommend to all circles sending boxes or barrels, that they make an inventory of the contents for the Bureau of Supplies; for, while it may be a question whether these inventories be published, there is no question but they will be of great use to the bureau in making arrangements for future supplies, that there be not a surplus of certain articles and a lack of others, sent to one family.

The value of only four of the *nineteen* barrels and boxes sent during the year has been reported, but these four amount to $174.25.

In conclusion, we need make no appeal to the women of the State for help

in this noble work, for this is so peculiarly, so unquestionably woman's legitimate work, that you only need know of the call for help in this direction for head and heart and hand to respond: "Yes; we *will* do what we can;" and doing this, may you become, like Joseph, "fruitful boughs, even fruitful boughs by a well, whose branches run over the wall."

Following is all that has been reported by the circles in the line of supplies: Alameda, barrel. Fresno, assistance given neighboring church and pastor, but not officially reported. Oakland, First Church, three barrels; Tenth Avenue Church, two barrels and sewing machine. Pasadena, barrel of winter clothing. Sacramento, Calvary Church, barrel, value $85. San Francisco, First Church, two barrels and box; box value $27.35. San Jose, box. Santa Rosa, barrel, value $37. Stockton, barrel, value $25. Vallejo, barrel.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. W. HENRY, Chairman.

The report of the Bureau of Supplies was the cause of some very appreciative things being said with regard to this work.

Mrs. B. C. Wright spoke of the reflex influence of the work on the circle of the First Church, San Francisco; and Mrs. H. E. Adams of the help and encouragement it had been to very many of the laborers on the Home Mission field.

Mrs. A. W. Webb also followed the same line of thought, fully endorsing all that had been said in reference to this department of work.

The report of the committee for the preparation of by-laws was next considered, and adopted article by article. (See by-laws as printed.)

The report of Publishing Committee was listened to and received.

REPORT OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

One year ago, by vote of the Society, it was decided to publish a small leaflet or paper, to be known as *The Home Field;* its object to be a means of intelligence from circles and bands, and so far as possible to contain items of interest pertaining to the work which we are striving to aid.

The Society voted that the paper be left in charge of the officers; and as it was necessary to have *one* place to which contributions, subscriptions, etc., might be sent, it was decided that the address of your President should become the address of *The Home Field*;

Many kind words of cheer and encouragement have come to us, and we have been led to believe that our little paper has been a help to some. We

wish to express our gratitude to those who have given the paper support by their contributions and subscriptions; are there not others who will assist in like manner? The funds of the Society are not used in its publication. The price is 25 cents per year, not sufficient to defray expense of printing unless generously patronized. All work upon it is gratuitous. Newspaper rates of postage have been secured, thus lessening that expense.

During the year two essays in pamphlet form have been printed for free distribution in the circles, many copies of which have been distributed.

"Systematic Giving," by Rev. C. H. Hobart; 500 copies printed.

"A Model Circle," by Miss C. P. Hull; 1000 copies printed.

Respectfully submitted by

YOUR OFFICERS.

There were many kind remarks made with regard to *The Home Field*, which seemed to be thoroughly appreciated by the sisters as a means of communication and intelligence, and many expressed the hope that in future others would become subscribers.

REPORT FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

The work for Home Missions in Southern California during the past year, though comparing favorably with that of any preceding twelve months, has by no means been up to the possibilities. Never in the history of the southern counties have there been such magnificent opportunities, never such promising openings for Christian effort, never have there been such amounts of money so easily acquired in the hands of Baptists. In view of these facts Southern California ought possibly to show a grander record. New churches have been established at The Palms, Redlands, Alhambra, Orange, and Colton. A First German church has been organized at Los Angeles. Church edifices have been constructed at Monrovia. At Los Angeles the work of city missions has made little or no progress. The First Church, while it continues to aid its mission in the southern part of the city, which has grown into a strong center of influence, ready at any time for a church and self support, has not advanced into any new fields. In other parts of the city, missions under the care of other Baptist churches, have been abandoned. Never was there a more glorious field for mission work, and whatever the future may have in store for Los Angeles, there certainly will never be grander opportunities nor a more favoring set of conditions than those of the past year.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society does not seem to have won that place in the conviction and interests of the sisters of Southern California that its worth and needs deserve. Not more than two or three churches are represented on its lists. In view of the progress made in Northern and Central California by the women's societies where there has been no great uplift from home, but only a slow, steady growth, the indiffer-

erence, or rather oversight of the sisters below to the claims of the Woman's Home Mission Society, is especially to be regretted.

Possibly no more fitting place than this can be found to enter a plea for a grand rally in Southern California and throughout the State to the standard of Woman's Home Missionary work for California.

May the coming year, so rich in promise to all our great commonwealth, record yet greater labor and sacrifice from all true-hearted California Baptists for California. California for Christ *through* the Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. P. W. DORSEY.

The report on Obituaries was duly received as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

This Society to-day mourns the loss of several of its members during the past year—those who have faithfully served the Master in all departments of Christian service, and have been called up higher.

On April 5, 1887, Mrs. Mary E. Ringo, of Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, passed from the toils and cares of earth to her home in heaven. She was busy about the Master's work when she was laid aside by illness which terminated in her death.

Mrs. C. S. Capp, of the First Church, San Francisco, died October 17, 1887. She was an earnest, faithful Christian, whose heart was devoted to mission work in all its branches. She was President of the Church Circle when her health failed, and many weary months of pain and suffering were appointed to her, but her faith was strong, and her love to the Saviour and His work in the world never faltered, but with cheerful patience she suffered the will of her Heavenly Father, and in the midst of pain and weariness of body she thought and planned for the advancement of His cause and kingdom, and in peace she passed to her home in heaven.

Mrs. R. G. Upton entered into rest January 8, 1888. She was a member of the Fifth Church, San Francisco, a devoted and earnest worker, deeply interested in all branches of Christian effort; a patient sufferer during all her afflictions, her faith was bright and unshaken, and her will entirely submissive to Christ.

Mrs. Harriet Newell Norcross, of San Francisco First Church, died March, 1888. Though not able to meet with us in our Circle, was a member. Quiet and without ostentation, she was always a cheerful and liberal giver to the cause, and gave good evidence of her faith in Christ by her works.

The Churches to which these beloved and devoted sisters belonged mourn them and miss them greatly. May their example be an inspiration to us to do with our might what our hands find to do.

An essay by Mrs. J. W. Henry, entitled "The Work Before Us," was read by Mrs. J. Eastwood, which was well received.

A vote of thanks for the loan of the church in which we met was next passed; also to the ladies of the First Baptist Church, Fresno, for their kind hospitality.

Many expressions of appreciation for the faithful work of the officers during the year were made, and a vote of thanks passed with special reference to our beloved President, to whom the Society owes so large a measure of its prosperity.

After joining in prayer with Mrs. J. Hildreth, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. SPENCER,
Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

It is with sincere regret that the pen is taken in hand to prepare this report of your Corresponding Secretary—regret that the work done has been so paltry and inefficient, and regret that we must lay down the work before accomplishing anything worthy to be called work. The task assigned has been so pleasant, and we have met with so much encouragement from the workers all over the State, that it is doubtful whether we should have so recognized the beam in our own eye as to have voluntarily laid down the work placed upon us in an emergency by your Board. But our Master has taken the matter in hand, and by calling us elsewhere has himself removed this stumbling block out of your way. If you ladies can find in the repeated "moves" made during service any excuse for non-fulfillment of duty, perhaps we will let it pass, though painfully conscious ourself that this dereliction is not all owing to surroundings.

At a called Board meeting held in Oakland, August 11th, the Corresponding Secretary whom you appointed at your last annual meeting resigned the office, and the present incumbent was appointed by the Board to serve temporarily. This appointment was confirmed for the remainder of the year at the regular Board meeting in September. The work has been exceedingly pleasant. Letters received have been written so cordially, and manifested such desires to engage in active, organized service in our Home Mission work, that they would have inspired the coldest heart with similar desires.

As preparatory to the writing of this report, your Secretary read over the correspondence of the year, culling extracts from the letters received which she thought might be more suggestive and more helpful to the work than any words of hers. But when these extracts had passed far beyond the hundred, it seemed necessary to once more make extracts from this long list.

A sister writing from one of our churches last fall, said: "The Lord is

sending us praying women." A few months later, when writing in regard to work they were proposing to undertake in connection with our Bureau of Supplies, a sister wrote from the same circle: "There are many obstacles in the way. We are a frail little band of Christian workers, and it is but little we can do; however, we keep on, ever hoping and ever praying the good Master to crown our labors with success." A few weeks later the same sister wrote: "Our Catholic neighbors go right ahead, but they resort to that with which we will have nothing to do. However, we are not discouraged, for we keep the old maxim in mind, 'Try, try again.'" Still later she wrote: "And now it is my pleasant duty to again write you that we have got our barrel packed and sent to Bro. ——. I received a lovely letter from him, which cheered our hearts so much, in regard to the work. * * We feel that the Lord has blessed us in this work." Do not these few excerpts tell the whole story of healthy Christian growth? The first letter tells of hope for the future, in the fact that "The Lord is sending us *praying* women;" not wealthy women, or talented women, but better far than these, "*praying* women." And this same true spirit shows itself in the next letter, where, in spite of "many obstacles," this "frail little band" declares its intention to "keep on, ever hoping and ever praying;" and so, instead of adopting the questionable methods for insuring prosperity in which their Catholic neighbors—and, we suspect, many Protestants also—indulge, they follow the direction written in the old Book, "Give and it shall be given unto you," and while obeying this, of course they "are not discouraged." Well would it be if the Christian world would follow their lead to-day, when the Mother Church is stirring up her best beloved, as Rachel of old urged Jacob, to make itself as much like the world, the rejected first-born, as possible, putting on its manners and appearance in church festivals, and plays, and raffles, thus trying to show its zeal for the Lord of Hosts. Far better would it be if they would hearken unto the Lord, and work while praying and waiting for His salvation. Then might they find other "duties" become "pleasant," and with thanksgiving say, "We feel that the Lord has blessed us in this work."

From another association a sister wrote early in the fall: "How can we get the majority to praying for and giving to missions?" Subsequent letters show how well our sister answered her question, in practice, if not in word. The following month she wrote in regard to this same department of work, our Bureau of Supplies: "This matter has lain so heavily upon my heart since coming home that I cannot rest without trying to do something." And ere many weeks she wrote of the box on its way to gladden the missionary's family. From a still later communication we quote: "Last Sunday evening the ladies gave a missionary concert. It was well received, and I trust it did something toward arousing an interest in the subject." Could the learning of the day give a better answer to the question than these faithful women offer us, practically asserting that service is the highest privilege of Christian life?

In another letter we read: "I wish I could be at the meeting. I need

such help as I always get at such gatherings for the Lord's work." This attendance on public meetings is a precious means of grace, and those who feel thus are always giving us helpful words, either publicy or privately, at these meetings. Why do you not get up meetings in your own vicinity? You say, perhaps, you cannot; you have not the gift for that. But know this: talent does not offset work in this department more than any other, and the amount of work expended in getting up a supper or entertainment would, if applied to that purpose, get up a rousing meeting. Meetings are not *the* great desideratum in this work, but they are *good* in their place, and when you are feeling such a desire to attend these as has been repeatedly expressed in letters during the year, why not go to work and get up one for yourself? It is certain that if you start out with faith and confidence and perseverance, you will make a success of it, and doubtless such a meeting will do the women of your church five times the good that a meeting would for the success of which you are none of you personally responsible. Our associational meetings may become a source of great prosperity to our Home Mission cause, and of Christian growth to the sisters who support them, and more public meetings of our circles would doubtless prove an effective means of grace to the members participating as well as those who listen.

One sister writes: "I feel there is great need of educating the young to work for Christ, and oh! how much California needs more of the spirit of Christ!" This training of the young in Christian service is indeed a most important part of our work, to which, perhaps, we are not giving due prominence. If "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rocks the world," how emphatically is the nurture of the missionary spirit or true Christian spirit—call it which you will, the terms are synonomous—how surely, I say, is the highest interest of the church of the next century in the hands of the mothers of to-day! Some of the bands in our State are doing most excellent work, and if we could only double the number of them during the next year it is quite probable that we might find it equivalent to doubling the working force and influence of our Woman's Home Mission Society. Let us go to work for our bands with new energy during the coming year.

A missionary whom we delight to honor wrote: "I count it a blessed privilege to serve Him; I count it a joy to hear His voice; I count it a sweeter, happier life than anything else this world can afford. But with all this it gives us such strength, such an inspiration to know that other hearts go out in sympathy with us." This, dear sisters, indicates another way in which we may all become helpers in the Lord's work. Is there a Baptist woman in California who is not in sympathy with the Lord's work in this State and the noble missionaries whom He has called to bear the brunt of the battle here? Then why not express this sympathy? Would it not give strength to other workers as well as this one, if at your monthly meetings you should dictate a letter of sympathy to some one of those in whose self or work or field you may some of you be personally interested? And if you have no

monthly meetings, can you not from your own homes send a word of sympathy, or if you shrink from writing, a card or some token of sympathy; and when you suffer your hearts thus to go out to his workers, perhaps the Good Father will give you means to follow. And another thing. Words of sympathy to your officers do not fall unheeded to the ground. Such words as these in letters received, "May the Lord greatly bless you in your ministrations to his servants," have been sources of comfort and strength, and also to-day furnish a strong reason for the regret with which we lay down this work.

There are various other extracts which on account of their truth, weight or suggestions, we would like to offer you to-day; but time seems to forbid, as he hurries us on. But there is one significant fact brought out by looking over the correspondence of the year which must be mentioned, and that is the thought and care which your President gives to the work of the society, and the promptness with which she attends to its duties, which together make up the remarkable executive ability which has given her your confidence, and elicited the warmest commendation from our acknowledged State leaders. Said one of our best pastors and leaders, after spending the day in attendance on one of our quarterly meetings, "If we could find a man who could and would do for our State Convention what your President is doing for your Woman's Home Mission Society we might look for great things in California." And the secret of this power we find in the continuous thought and prayer and effort which she gives to the details of the Society's work. Frequent visits have by no means limited the discussion of ways and means to correspondence; but her faithfulness in the little things connected with the Society's prosperity was forcibly brought to mind by finding in the occasional letters and postals which your secretary has received from her during the year, one hundred and nineteen different items mentioned in connection with the work of the society which could not be postponed for discussion until we met face to face. Let us thank God, dear sisters, for our President. Give her your earnest sympathy and prayers, and let me urge you, if you cannot give your time and thought to the Society's work so fully as she does, to follow promptly any suggestions she may make to you as a society, or as circles, or as individuals, for even if in doing this an occasional mistake occurs, better a mistake than the fatal blunder of doing nothing.

The society has made three new departures during the year, opposite each of which we feel that we to-day may write "a success;" namely, the establishment of the bureau of supplies, the publishing of our own paper, *The Home Field*, and the sending of representatives from the State society to the meeting of the different associations in the State. From a review of the correspondence, which really is one of the best exponents of the condition of the work in the State at large, we cannot tell where the influence of the one ends and the other begins, but feel that they have all proven helps to the advanced position we occupy to-day.

One point has been brought forward in correspondence with various parties and circles in the State, which it seems important should be brought before you for deliberation and discussion at this meeting. The question has been repeatedly asked, "What is the relation which circles and individuals who make regular contributions to the treasury of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, but who have not become regular members by paying the dollar a year for membership fees, bear to the society?

If you do not see fit to change your constitution and make all regular contributors regular members, as is done in some States, do you not owe it to these helpers to make them at least honorary members; and ought you not, at least, to authorize those circles who contribute regularly to your funds, to send delegates to your annual meetings who shall be entitled to the privileges of full membership?

And now if your Secretary could feel that the five hundred and fifteen letters and postals sent out by her in the interests of the society during the nine months of service had been sources of a tithe of the comfort and inspiration and encouragement that these letters have been from which extracts and thoughts and suggestions have been drawn for this report, she would lay down the insignia of office with far greater cheerfulness than she feels to-day. But that, after all, would be too much to expect, for these letters have come from scores of our best workers throughout the State.

The task has indeed been pleasant, "a cause of praise and thankfulness," and although at its close we feel so burdened with the consciousnoss of inefficient service, yet the knowledge that "God's greatness rolls around our incompleteness" encourages us to leave it all in His hands. Our record is imperfect, His is complete; may we find at the last that He does not upbraid us; and as we go our various ways may we

"Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was doing good."

Mrs. J. W. Henry,
Corresponding Secretary W. B. H. M. S. of California.

Wadsworth, Nevada, May 3, 1888.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Mission Circles.

Home Mission Circle, First Church, San Francisco			$54 00
" " " Stockton			25 00
" " " Penryn			10 00
" " " San Jose			8 50
" " ——— ———, Riverside			17 00
" " Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland			25 50
" " First Church, Alameda			2 00
" " " Oakland			30 45
" " ——— ———, Pasadena			23 26
" " ——— ———, Fresno			20 00
" " ——— ———, Lakeport			4 00
" " ——— ———, Monrovia			5 00
" " Hamilton Square, San Francisco			9 75
" " ——— ———, Santa Rosa			5 00
" " ——— ———, Ceres			5 50
" " San Pablo Avenue Church, Oakland			4 25
" " Fifth Church, San Francisco			17 25
" " ——— ———, Los Gatos			2 00
Total			$268 46

Mission Bands and Young Ladies' Circles.

Young Ladies' Circle, First Church, Oakland	$18 15
Day Star Mission Band, " "	40 00
Miss Ella Bradway's Infant Class, First Church, Oakland	4 75
Children's Band, Los Gatos	85
Willing Workers, Santa Cruz	5 00
Golden Star, Willows	10 00
Total	$78 75

Special Contributions.

A friend	$20 00
Mrs. O. J. McKinnon	2 50
" J. P. Cogswell	20 00
" Wright	1 00
" W. H. Barnes	2 50
" C. C. Southwick	5 00
" Chapman, "thank offering"	20 00
" Huddleston	5 00
" J. S. Benson	11 00
Total	$87 00

Total amount received Mission Circles		$268 46
" " Mission Band and Young Ladies' Circles		78 75
" " Special Contributions		87 00
Total		$434 21

DISBURSEMENTS.

October 5,	1888,	paid to W. R. Strong, Treasurer of Convention..	$75 50
January 25,	"	" " " " "	68 85
March 23,	"	" " " " "	35 00
April 5,	"	" " " " "	55 70
April 26,	"	" " " " "	40 00
May 4,	"	" " " " "	65 15
May 4,	"	" " " " "	20 00
May 5,	"	" " " " "	4 00
May 9,	"	" " " " "	68 00
May 10,	"	balance in the treasury, ...	2 01
Total		.....	$434 21

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. LATOURETTE,

May 10, 1888. *Treasurer W. B. H. M. Society.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF PRINTING FUND.

RECEIPTS.

1887.		
April 28,	Collection at annual meeting, held in the First Church, Oakland	$4 20
May 5,	Collection at the adjourned meeting held in the Christian Church, Oakland.....	3 15
May 5,	Collection at meeting held in connection with General Baptist Convention.....	8 15
July 28,	Collection at quarterly meeting held at First Church, Oakland.	3 50
July 28,	From Mrs. Huddleston, of First Church, San Francisco....	1 00
Sept. 1,	From Mrs. W. H. Barnes, of First Church, San Francico...	5 00
Oct. 18,	From Mrs. Henry, collected at Santa Rosa.....	3 05
1888.		
Mar. 12,	From Mrs. Latourette	25 00
Mar. 19,	From a Friend, First Church, San Francisco.....	50
		$53 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 29,	1887, Paid for printing Rev. C. H. Hobart's address.....	$5 00
Sept. 19,	Paid for printing Miss C. Hull's paper.....	9 00
Sept. 19,	Paid for printing envelopes.....	1 00
Sept. 28,	Paid for J. W. Henry's traveling expenses.....	10 00
Oct. 18,	Paid Mrs. J. W. Henry's traveling expenses.....	3 05
Mar. 14,	1888, Paid Mrs. J. W. Henry's traveling expenses.....	10 85
May 1st,	Cash on hand.....	14 65
Total	.....	$53 55

A. S. WILLIAMS,

Treasurer Printing Fund.

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

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Recording Secretary—Mrs. J. Stevens, Oakland.
Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.
Auditor—Rev. E. H. Gray, Oakland.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. A. W. Runyan, San Jose.
Sacramento River Association—Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Red Bluff.
Clear Lake Association—Mrs. E. Starr, Lakeport, Lake county.
Pacific Association—Mrs. J. C. Webb, Healdsburg.
Los Angeles Association—Mrs. H. C. Bristol, Los Angeles.
Santa Barbara Association—Mrs. J. W. Calkins, Santa Barbara.
Tulare Association—Mrs. H. E. Adams, Selma, Fresno county.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis,
" B. C. Wright,
" W. C. Spencer,
" J. Stevens,
" W. H. Latourette,
" W. H. Barnes,
" E. F. Joy,
" E. Kennedy,
" George Duncan,
" Valentine,
" J. Wilson,
" P. W. Dorsey,
" J. W. Calkins,
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Miss Wilson,
Mrs. J. R. Bradway,
" W. Olney,
" W. T. Fleenor,
" A. W. Runyan,
" C. C. Bateman,
Emily Pratt,
Mrs. E. Starr,
" J. C. Webb,
" H. C. Bristol,
" O. J. McKinnon,
" D. Sawtelle.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

(To report at the next annual meeting.)

State of the Work in Southern California—Mrs. Charles Button, Riverside.
State of the Work in Northern California—Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, San Francisco.
Resolutions—Mrs. H. W. Webb, Tulare; Mrs. Freeman, San Jose.
Obituaries—Mrs. C. G. Sayle, Fresno; Mrs. O. J. McKinnon, San Francisco.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization, or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, or in installments, during the year.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents ex-officio of this Society.

ARTICLE V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place; to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. This Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; conferring freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5. The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the Treasury.

7. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8. All Circles contributing less than one dollar per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the Church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be to develop an interest in the cause of Missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band, by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those usually assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All moneys raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

Next Meeting to be with
1st Ch. Sacramento, Wednesday
evening after first Sunday
in April 1889